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Sir:

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §§1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the applicant requests consideration of this information disclosure statement.

**Compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97**

This information disclosure statement has been filed before the mailing date of a first office action on the merits in the above-identified application. No fee or certification is believed to be required.

**Information Cited**

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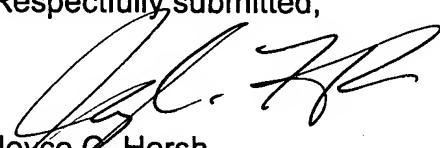
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It is understood by applicant that the foregoing information will be considered and, to the extent deemed appropriate by the examiner, will be reflected in the examiner's communication.

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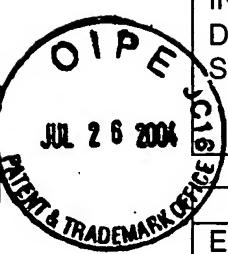
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